

The Parish Church of All Saints',
Parish of Sanderstead and Hamsey Green

FAMILY WORSHIP

with Baptism of Ava Florence Varley

Sunday 24th October 2021, starting at
9.30am



Proclaiming Jesus, Changing Lives, Serving our Community

A warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ!

And a very special welcome today to Ava, her parents Paul and Gemma, their family and all who are here to support them as Ava begins life in relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our theme is, "A Letter from Christ".

Please spend time in quietness before the service begins.

INTRODUCTION and OPENING HYMN



HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD, IN HIS HANDS,

He's got the whole wide world, in His hands,

He's got the whole world, in His hands,

He's got the whole world, in His hands.

1. He's got you and me brother, in His hands
He's got you and me sister, in His hands
He's got you and me mother, in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands.

Chorus

2. He's got you and me mother, in His hands
He's got you and me father, in His hands
He's got you and me mother, in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands.

Chorus

3. He's got the little, tiny babies, in His hands
He's got the little, tiny babies, in His hands
He's got the little, tiny babies, in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands.

Chorus

Alan Livingstone

THE BAPTISM



Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.
We thank God for Ava who has come to be baptised today.
Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support Ava as she begins her journey of faith?

We will.

Will you help her to live and grow within God's family?

We will.

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Parents and godparents, you speak for Ava today.

Will you pray for her, and help her to follow Christ?

We will.

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

I do.

Do you reject evil?

I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

The minister turns to Ava's Supporting Friends:

As Ava's Supporting Friends, will you offer your care and your love to her as she grows up, celebrating with her in times of joy, and supporting her through times of difficulty?

I will.

Signing With The Cross

The minister makes the sign of the cross on Ava's forehead saying:

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.
Do not be ashamed of Christ.
You are his for ever.

**Stand bravely with him
against all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

Parents, godparents and supporting friends bring Ava to the font.

The minister prays over the water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptised in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that this little one who is baptised in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that she is loved as your child,
safe in Christ for ever.

Amen.

The people affirm their Christian faith



Let us affirm, together with this little one who is being baptised, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Baptism

Ava Florence Varley, I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Ava, may God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen.

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for Ava
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon
them your healing and reconciling
love, and protect their home from all evil.
Fill them with the light of your presence
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of grace and life,
in your love you have given us
a place among your people;
keep us faithful to our baptism,
and prepare us for that glorious day
when the whole creation will be made perfect
in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Welcome to Ava, the minister says:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
By one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

*Parents, godparents and supporting friends return to their
places.*

Giving of a Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Ava, you have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

SONG



<https://betterbibleteachers.com/2019/05/childrens-sunday-school-songs-that-are-upbeat-and-tons-of-fun-to-sing/>

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it
shine, let it shine

Even when I'm afraid I'm gonna let it shine
Even when I'm afraid I'm gonna let it shine
Even when I'm afraid I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it
shine, let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Harry Dixon Loes

BIBLE READING: 2 Corinthians 3:1-12



Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? ²You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. ³You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

⁴Such confidence we have through Christ before God. ⁵Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. ⁶He has made us

competent as ministers of a new covenant – not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

⁷ Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, ⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? ⁹ If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰ For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. ¹¹ And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

¹² Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

TALK

By Revd Jeremy Groombridge

PRAYERS

We bring to God our prayers for others and for ourselves.

We join in the Lord's Prayer together:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

SONG



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8t8zA1N6mCY>

GIVE ME OIL IN MY LAMP, KEEP ME BURNING

Give me oil in my lamp, I pray
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
Keep me burning 'til the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King of kings
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King.*

Make me a fisher of men, keep me seeking
Make me a fisher of men, I pray
Make me a fisher of men, keep me seeking
Seeking souls 'til Jesus comes again

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
Give me joy in my heart, I pray
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
Keep me praising 'til the break of day

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Give me love in my heart, I pray
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Keep me serving 'til the break of day.

A. Sevison

Our Parish Prayer

**God of hope and love,
You have called us to proclaim the saving power of the
name of Jesus Christ throughout our neighbourhood,
sharing the Good News of his love which changes our
lives.**

**We offer ourselves in service to you and seek your
guidance.**

**As we worship, learn, tell and serve,
may we know the power of your Spirit among us;
may our homes and our churches be places of welcome
and safety;
may many come to know the forgiveness and peace
that are found in Jesus alone.
May we find joy as we follow him day by day,
with courage to speak out against injustice,
a willing spirit to reach out and care for one another
and for our community,
and a new respect for the beautiful world
in which you have placed us.**

**May your kingdom come, your will be done
and your love be known by all.
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Concluding Blessing

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, settle and strengthen you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ, Amen.



Music to close: 10,000 Reasons, by Matt Redman
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXDGE_IRI0E

NOTICES for Sunday 24th October 2021

Sunday 24 October

9.30am Family Worship & Baptism

11am Said Holy Communion

Saturday 30 October

8.00am Men's Group Breakfast – in the Small Hall (*more details below*)

9.00am Parish Prayer meeting – in St. Catherine's Aisle

Sunday 31 October

9.30am Holy Communion at All Saints – *'The light of the Gospel'*

MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST with Sir Peter Spencer: 8.00 am Saturday 30th October

Vice Admiral Sir Peter Spencer KCB has kindly agreed to join the Men's Group for breakfast on Saturday 30th October and will give us a short talk on his experiences during a very distinguished Naval career and subsequently as CEO of Action for ME, a charity supporting people suffering from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. Breakfast will be served from 8.00 am onwards in the Small Hall and Sir Peter's talk will follow at 8.30. We shall aim to finish by 9.00 am. Those going to Saturday prayers may care to join us for some haute cuisine beforehand!

As ever, all are welcome at Men's Group events but for catering purposes please let Dick Hibberd, Tony Robinson or David Chillman know by

Wednesday 27th October if you would like to come.

LAY CONFERENCE, Saturday 6 November 2021, 10am-3.30pm (on zoom).

A day to celebrate all that lay people do beyond the walls of their churches.

This is a free online Zoom event (pre-registration is required). The keynote speaker is Andrew Graystone, and his subject will be Upside Down: A different way of looking at your church's mission. To find out more and to register, please visit <https://croydonlayconference2021.eventbrite.co.uk> (booking will close midnight 24th October).

GIVING

We invite everyone to become a regular giver to All Saints Church. For cash and envelope offerings, there are collection plates by the door.

We are continuing to collect non-perishable items for the **Croydon Refugee Centre** Charity No. 1064465 in the Rector's Office.

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED to organise Christmas Day Lunch

We are asking for someone, or a couple, to volunteer to organise this year's lunch on Christmas Day. If this is something you would like to do, please can you let the wardens or Rosanne know admin@sanderstead-parish.org.uk as soon as possible.

Mike Fixter and Sue Thomas, Churchwardens

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS

It's that time of year again! It would be very much appreciated if you could support the much needed work of the Children's Society again this year by buying some of their Christmas Cards. Sue Chillman and Jean Kelly both have illustrated leaflets, so please let them know if you would like to have one, and hopefully order some cards.

Sue Wragg